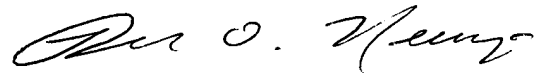


**REMARKS/ARGUMENT**

Claims 1-34 stand allowed. Claims 35-40 newly presented in the Amendment of August 23, 2004 were withdrawn by the Examiner as being directed to a non-elected invention. By this amendment, Claims 35-40 have been canceled without prejudice. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to submit Claims 35-40 in a continuation application. Applicants respectfully request allowance of the application as the earliest possible date.

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